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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

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Enclosed are also:

☒ 22 Pages of Specification including an Abstract
☒ 5 Pages of Claims (Claims 1 - 20)
☒ 3 Sheet(s) of formal drawings
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney
☒ Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation
☒ Information Disclosure Statement
☒ Form PTO 1449 and References AG - AH

CLAIMS AS FILED

| FOR | Number Filed | | Number Extra | | Rate | | Basic Fee (\$770) |
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| Total Claims | 20 | -20 = | 0 | X | \$ 18 | = | \$0 |
| Independent Claims | 4 | -3 = | 1 | X | \$ 86 | = | \$86 |
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